**Fast track courts**

2368. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to set up fast track courts to clear the huge backlog of cases pending in various courts across the country;

(b) if so, the details of the courts set-up in various States, as on 1st July, 2001 State-wise;

(c) how many courts have actually started functioning as on 1st July, 2001;

(d) whether steps have been taken to ensure that there is no conflict of jurisdiction between the existing courts and fast track courts; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) Yes, Sir. On the recommendation of the Eleventh Finance Commission, the Central Government have decided to set up 1734 Fast Track Courts in the country. These courts will dispose of, long pending sessions cases and other criminal cases involving undertrials in jails, on priority.

(b) and (c) According to information available from the State Governments, so far 459 courts have been set up and these are expected to have actually started functioning. The details of the number of courts ear-marked and set up in each State are given in the Statement enclosed. *(See* below)

(d) and (e) The subordinate judiciary is under the administrative control of the State Governments/High Courts. The cases from the existing courts are being transferred to the fast track courts under the direction of the respective High Courts. No conflict is envisaged between the existing courts and the fast track courts.

**Statement**

*Statewise position of Fast Track Courts set up as on 1st July, 2001*

| SI. No. | States/U.Ts | Ear-marked | Setup |
|---|---|---|---|
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) |
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 86 | 25 |
| 2 | Arunachal Pradesh | 5 | 3 |
| 3. | Assam | 20 | 15 |
| 4. | Bihar | 183 | — |
| 5. | Chhattisgarh | 31 | 29 |
| 6. | Goa | 5 | — |
| 7. | Gujarat | 166 | — |
| 8. | Haryana | 36 | — |
| 9. | Himachal Pradesh | 9 | — |
| 10. | Jammu and Kashmir | 12 | 10 |
| 11. | Jharkhand | 89 | — |
| 12 | Karnataka | 93 | 13 |
| 13. | Kerala | 37 | — |
| 14. | Madhya Pradesh | 85 | 85 |
| 15. | Maharashtra | 187 | 93 |
| 16. | Manipur | 3 | — |
| 17. | Meghalaya | 3 | 3 |
| 18. | Mizoram | 3 | 3 |
| 19. | Nagaland | 3 | 3 |
| 20. | Orissa | 72 | 12 |
| 21. | Punjab | 29 | — |
| 22. | Rajasthan | 83 | 40 |
| 23. | Sikkim | 3 | — |
| 24. | Tamil Nadu | 49 | — |
| 25. | Tripura | 3 | 3 |
| 26. | Uttaranchal | 45 | 45 |
| 27. | Uttar Pradesh | 242 | 64 |
| 28. | West Bengal | 152 | 13 |
| | TOTAL: | 1734 | 459 |